

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

- Claims 1-23 are pending in the Application after entry of this amendment.
- Claims 1-7 and 16-20 are elected for examination.

Election/Restriction

The present Office Action dated 5/12/08 asserts a restriction as follows:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 16-20 are drawn to a method and a medium for the tracking of operations in an automatic business process, classified in class 705, subclass 7.
- II. Claims 8-15 are drawn to a system for processing workflow and business rules of that workflow, classified in class 700, subclass 2.
- III. Claims 21-23 are drawn to a method for executing the workflow and business rules, classified in class 070, subclass 100.

Group I (Claim 1-7 and 16-20) is elected for examination. Applicant understands that the claims of Groups II and III may be examined after Group I if a linking claim to those groups is found to be allowed.

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